

nitride, tungsten nitride, molybdenum nitride, and carbon nanotube.

14. (Amended) A probe for scanning probe lithography as claimed in claim 1,

wherein said fine needle is made of a hard conductive material selected from the group consisting of conductive diamond and chromium.

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 14 have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 6, 7 and 9-14 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 6 and 14 have been amended to correct an inadvertent error. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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